REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that this application would be in condition for allowance when amended to eliminate the objections has been noted with appreciation.

The foregoing amendments correct the obvious errors noted by the Examiner in the Office Action and correct the dependencies of claims 15 and 18. A minor grammar correction has been made in claim 18. A new title, as requested by the Examiner has also been provided.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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